

REMARKS

Claims 35-54 were added by preliminary amendment to the present continuation application, and were each subject to a non-statutory double patenting rejection over US 6,320,851. Claims 1-34 of the parent application were cancelled in the preliminary amendment.

A terminal disclaimer is attached, and the non-statutory double patenting rejection is believed to be obviated.

Examination on the merits, and prompt allowance, are respectfully requested.

SUMMARY

For the reasons given above, the Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims and that this application be passed to issue. If any outstanding issues remain, or if the Examiner has any further suggestions for expediting allowance of this application, the Applicant respectfully invites the Examiner to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below or at *jmockler@davismunck.com*.

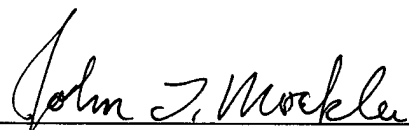
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